

Asthma Screening

Where: Center court, Fashion Place Mall, Murray, Utah

Who: All invited with or without diagnosis of asthma...this is a screening

What: This is the Salt Lake City site for the 2008 Nationwide Asthma Screening Program sponsored by the American College of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology with support from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. This is the 12th consecutive year this program has been conducted using volunteer allergy/asthma specialty physicians and medical assistants who utilize standardized asthma screening questionnaires and on-site pulmonary function testing (spirometry) to help determine whether an individual may have asthma. This program has screened more than 108,000 people at locations across the nation in the past 11 years and continues to grow in size. Allergy/asthma specialists from Intermountain Allergy and Asthma Clinic are working with local AstraZeneca representatives, the Utah Chapter of the American Lung Association and the Utah Asthma Task Force to bring this screening to the Salt Lake area.

When: 17 May 2008, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Why: Asthma is one of the most common chronic diseases in developed countries with approximately 6-8% of the population in Utah having some degree of asthma, many not knowing it. Thousands suffer needlessly from chronic coughing, shortness of breath and chest discomfort that can negatively impact their quality of life. Many lose sleep, restrict their activity level and miss school and work because of undiagnosed asthma. Screenings like this one in May can help properly identify someone with symptoms consistent with asthma and referrals to asthma specialists made.